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From: Nelson, Khary
Sent: Mon 8/17/2015 12:43:29 PM
Subject: RE: healthy snacks at the Incident Command Post

Thinking back on DWH, a special guidance was issued to the agency listing things that were ok to purchase. Something similar would have to happen here. OSCs are allowed to purchase water and the like to keep them safe in the field, but a general purchase of snacks wouldn't be something that could be reimbursed with travel dollars without some type of special guidance.

Khary

From: Wood, David
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 7:10 PM
To: Nelson, Khary
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Subject: healthy snacks at the Incident Command Post

Khary – We just wanted to run this one past you and see what you thought. I know in the past at places like Kartina we did have meals provided. All the people will be on travel. We do see an issue with non-federal employees as well.

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Subject: RE: ICP

Hello Ms. Palmer,

I can appreciate the nature and difficulty of the situation. Upon first glance, I believe that providing these healthy snacks at the Incident Command Post would not be an allowable expense.

Due to various incidents in recent years, the government has come under intense scrutiny for expenses dealing with purchase of food and snacks. Hence, we are in the post-incident scrutiny era.

To see if there is anything possible, would you help clarify for whom these healthy snacks would be provided? For example, would it only be EPA staff? Other agency members? etc.

David, would you be able to shed any light on whether an expense like this could be approved?

Thank you.

Best regards,

Amit Raikar

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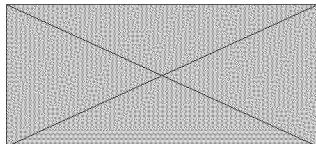
Hi Amit,

We received the request below from one of the OSCs at the Gold King Mine location in Farmington, NM. Due the nature of this response it has been difficult for all persons concerned to get out for lunch during the day. Per the request below we are asking for approval to purchase healthy snacks (i.e. fruit, nuts, juice, etc.) for the entire group working at the Region 9 location.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Laurie

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To: Laurie Palmer
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Laurie,

First off, Jason and Patrick are doing an incredible job during a really challenging time.

As you are probably aware, we are having senior leadership, upper management and other VIPs coming through the ICP. Is there a way, considering the ER and the long hours and everything that comes with it, that EQm can supply snacks and other healthy foods? I know this isn't typically something that is supported, but considering the situation, I was hoping there was a provision in the contract.

Please let me know or feel free to call to discuss further.

Cheers,

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